IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 5, please amend Lines 21 through 28 as follows:

In order to line up multiple types of the light irradiation devices that can irradiate line light whose length differs <u>from</u> each other with suppressing a cost increase by standardizing basic components, it is preferable that the multiple light irradiating parts are arranged serially along the direction of the line. This is because the length of the line light can be easily changed by changing a number of the serially arranged light irradiating parts.

On Page 6 please amend the first paragraph as follows:

Especially, in order to promote standardization of the basic components, it is preferable that each length of the light emitting part is identical (more preferably, the shape thereof is identical). On the contrary, with this arrangement, the length of the line light is limited to a length that is an integral multiplication of the length of the light irradiating part. In order to increase a number of variations of the length of the line light, it is preferable the light irradiating parts of several different lengths are serially arranged. In spite of this, if too many variations are set for the length of the light irradiating part, an effectiveness of standardizing components is reduced.

On Page 7, please insert the following at Line 15:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is an overall perspective view of a line light irradiation device in accordance with one embodiment of the present claimed invention.

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- Fig. 2 is a general longitudinal cross-sectional view of the line light irradiation device in accordance with this embodiment.
- Fig. 3 is a plane view showing a casing in a state that a rod lens of the line light irradiation device in accordance with this embodiment is mounted.
 - Fig. 4 is a side view of the casing in accordance with this embodiment.
- Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing an illustrative embodiment of binding optical fibers in this embodiment.
- Fig. 6 is a plane view showing the illustrative embodiment of binding the optical fibers in this embodiment.
- Fig. 7 is a front view showing the illustrative embodiment of binding the optical fibers in this embodiment.
- Fig. 8 is a pattern perspective view showing a light emitting part in accordance with another embodiment of the present claimed invention.
- Fig. 9 is a partial side view showing a light emitting part in accordance with further different embodiment of the present claimed invention.
- Fig. 10 is a partial plane view showing the light emitting part in accordance with this embodiment.

Please amend Page 18 line 14 through Page 19, line 11 as follows:

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